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Application of:

JOHN FRANCIS GORDON

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 26, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 10, following line 17 please add the following additional paragraph:

Fig. 7 depicts a location of digitally encoded address information at 39 on the underside of lower plate 36 of the disc 32 as seen in Fig. 3.

Page 13, please amend the second paragraph commencing at line 12 to read:

As is described in W/O 96/09548, one of the surfaces of the upper or lower plates 34, 36 may be provided with digitally encoded address information, as indicated at 39 in Fig. 7, which can be read by the scanned light beam. This information may be encoded by way of "pits" and "lans" pressed or moulded into one of the plates. This address information can be used to

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